



9th October 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

This week

- We have assessed all the children to see where they are in reading, grammar, writing and math. This does cause anxiety for some children. Despite this, every child has been like 'Hector Hedgehog' and had a go. They have worked hard and will be tired as a result.
- This information will be used by staff to adapt planning for after half-term. The children will be completing learning from their current year group as we will have completed our recovery curriculum.
- Thank you to the many parents who have used ParentMail to book 'Time for Talk' appointments. 118 appointments were made in less than 24 hours. Thank you for your support with our new system.
- As you may know, the number of COVID cases continues to rise nationally. The link below provides some information about the COVID-19 rates around schools. I use this daily to support planning for the school and it may be helpful to parents.
<https://www.schoolcovidmap.org.uk/>
- We have Zoom assemblies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This week we have been thinking about gratitude. It is always easier to think about the negatives and we are encouraging the children to think about the things that we are thankful for.

Next week

- Sadly, we are not able to celebrate Harvest at Ruxley Church this year. However, the food bank would still like donations- even more so than before.
On Monday, there will be a box on the front playground for donations. The list below was provided by the food bank and shows items they really need at the moment.

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Sweetcorn	Custard	Tinned Spaghetti
Coffee	Hot Chocolate	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Vegetables	Ketchup	Pasta/Beans with Meat
Fruit Squash	Longlife Sponge Pudding	Breakfast Cereal (Please no Porridge)
Tinned Meat	Microwave Rice	Tinned Rice Pudding
Jam/Honey/Marmalade	Longlife Fruit Juice	Tea Bags
Powdered Milk	Tinned Fish	Biscuits
Rice	Sugar (500g Bags)	Tinned Meat Pies
Packet Soup	Tinned Potatoes	Noodles
Milk UHT (Full Fat or Semi)	Instant Mash	Pet Food
Cooking Sauces	Dried Pasta 'n' Sauce	Male Deodorant
Female Deodorant	Shower Gel	Shampoo
Shaving Foam	Washing-up Liquid	Washing Powder
Hair Conditioner	Pump Soap	Baby Shampoo
Baby Wash		

Next week

- As the numbers of Covid 19 cases increase, I would urge parents to follow the control measures that we have in place at school so that we are all safe
 - *Distancing yourself from other parents*
 - *Standing next to rather than facing each other. This is with staff as well*
 - *One parent/carer to drop off and collect children so that there are fewer people in the playground*
 - *Leaving the playground as soon as you have your children*
 - *Going home as soon as possible and not hanging around the school in groups*
- All classes will be completing learning about 'Online Safety'. Please discuss this with your children as this world keeps changing.

Thank you once again – I say this every week and mean it. The parents, staff and children are working really well together to ensure that we are all safe.

Mrs M Atkins